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1. [redacted] and I discussed with Mr. Blandford, of the Staff of the House Armed Services Committee, the technical revisions of the bill to create a Deputy Director which the Committee had ordered prepared. Both Mr. Blandford and Mr. Smart, Chief Counsel, indicated that there was some question whether the bill can now be brought up before the Easter recess, but they will make an attempt to do so. They also indicated that the temper of the House Committee was such that there was no way in which we could have stemmed the amendments developed yesterday. Mr. Blandford pointed out that the proviso as proposed by CIA might serve to preclude reserve officers as reserve officers are also "commissioned officers of the armed services". Therefore, the proviso was amended to read "whether in an active or retired status." This will preclude the use of a retired reserve officer as Director or Deputy Director if the other position is filled by a military man. However, as a reserve officer cannot retire until he is 60 and need not retire at that time, this is not felt to be a burdensome restriction.